

**Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee**  
**Meeting Itinerary**  
January 13, 2012

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| 8:50 AM  | Attendees arrive to the Maritime Building (2202 Burnett Blvd. Wilmington, NC 28401), park in adjacent lots, and are directed to the conference room.  |
| 9:00 AM  | Introductory remarks from the Chair and approval of minutes.  |
| 9:10 AM  | Presentation: Coordination of Statewide Logistics Initiatives (Roberto Canales, Coordinator of Strategic Initiatives)   |
| 9:40 AM  | Presentation: North Carolina Maritime Strategy Study (Rachel Vandenberg, Project Manager - AECOM/URS/Eydo Consultant Team)  |
| 10:10 AM | Presentation: North Carolina State Ports Authority Overview (Laura Blair, Director of Government Relations; Jeff Strader, Chief Financial Officer; Jeff Miles, Chief Operating Officer)           |
| 10:55 AM | Break/Lunch: Members and staff pick up lunch and return to the conference room for the final presentation.  |
| 11:00 AM | Presentation: Ferry Division Overview & Emergency Response (Harold Thomas, NCDOT Ferry Division Director)   |
| 11:45 AM | Discussion/Closing Business: Closing remarks from members and Chair. Members are instructed to gather in front of the Maritime building if attending the tour of the Port of Wilmington terminal. |

Port of Wilmington Site Visit:

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| 12:00 PM | Attendees board the bus located in the front driveway of the North Carolina Maritime Building (2202 Burnett Blvd. Wilmington, NC 28401).<br><br>The North Carolina State Ports Authority police will conduct an identification check on the bus before it departs for the terminal. |
| 12:10 PM | Bus departs for the South Gate (1 Shipyard Blvd. Wilmington, NC 28401).   |
| 12:15 PM | Bus arrives at the terminal container gate interchange. Attendees will view the container yard security measures and see trucks enter the container yard.   |
| 12:20 PM | Bus drives through container yard, including refrigerated cargo area reserved for agriculture products.   |

- 12:25 PM Bus arrives at container crane 15 and 16. Attendees depart bus and divide into two groups for container crane tours.
- 12:55 PM Attendees board the bus for drive-through of bulk and break-bulk sections. The bus will stop/drive into warehouses with bulk and break-bulk materials to provide a better understanding of how products like paper pulp and wood arrive.
- 1:00 PM Bus stops at the woodchip pad where attendees will view (if operational, depending on vessel schedules) woodchips being unloaded from trucks and see the conveyor system used to load vessels.
- 1:10 PM Bus exits the terminal via the North Gate/General Cargo entrance.
- 1:15 PM Bus arrives at the North Carolina Maritime Building.
- Those attending the Ft. Fisher/Southport ferry site visit confirm travel arrangements. Transportation will be provided for attendees, as needed. Staff will also provide directions to those choosing to drive separately.

[Directions to the Ft. Fisher Terminal.](#)

#### Fort Fisher/Southport Ferry Site Visit:

- 1:30 PM Attendees are transported from the North Carolina Maritime Building (2202 Burnett Blvd. Wilmington, NC 28401) to the Fort Fisher Ferry Terminal (2422 S. Fort Fisher Blvd. Kure Beach, NC 28449).
- [Travel Time - approximately 30 minutes / 17.8 miles]
- 2:10 PM Attendees arrive at the Fort Fisher Ferry Terminal to view security checkpoints, vessel unloading/loading, ticketing process and board the ferry vessel.
- Interested attendees will be given access to the vessel to observe the loading procedures from the observation deck for insight relative to weight distribution and loading requirements.
- Ferry Division staff will preface site visit observations during transit from the Port of Wilmington to the Fort Fisher Terminal. Those traveling in personal vehicles will not receive this lead-in presentation.
- At the appropriate time, attendees are instructed to drive their personal vehicles onto the ferry vessel.
- 2:30 PM MV Fort Fisher (unless vessel change is required) will depart, transporting attendees across the Cape Fear River. During the crossing, interested attendees will be given a tour

of the vessel. Due to confined spaces, attendees will be divided into groups to observe the Pilot House and Engine Room.

[Crossing Time – 35 minutes]

3:05 PM MV Fort Fisher arrives at the Southport Ferry Terminal (1650 Ferry Rd. Southport, NC 28461).

[Disembarkation – 5 minutes]

Attendees are instructed to park in the parking lot immediately upon off-loading. The parking lot is located to the left.

3:10 PM Attendees tour the Southport Ferry Terminal to observe terminal infrastructure, configuration, and toll collection.

3:30 PM Site visit concludes. Attendees are transported back to the North Carolina Maritime Building (46 minutes/31.2 miles), unless departing to another destination.

Ferry Division staff are available to assist with directions, if needed.

[Return directions to the Maritime Building.](#)

4:20 PM Attendees arrive at the North Carolina Maritime Building (2202 Burnett Blvd. Wilmington, NC 28401).